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BRITISH CONSULATE LODGES PROTEST

Note Sent To Mayor Fu About Shooting On Tifeng Road

The Superintending Consul at the British Consulate-General told "The Shanghai Times" yesterday evening that a protest had just been sent by the Consul-General to Mayor Fu Siao-en, the head of the City Government of Greater Shanghai, concerning the shooting on Tifeng Road at 10 p.m. on Wednesday night.

The protest was lodged last night over the action of a City Government policeman who fired a shot at a British subject in his car, without apparent reason or warning. The Shanghai Municipal Police report containing the full particulars and details of the incident was sent to the Consulate yesterday afternoon. After studying this report the protest was sent to the City Government.

The incident occurred when a British subject was driving his car from north to south along Tifeng Road. At the Great Western Road intersection, the Briton noticed the City Government policeman on the pavement, but the latter did not make any sign to stop and the Briton drove on down Tifeng Road. Before he had reached the end of the road in his car, however, he heard a loud rifle report and a bullet whistled past his motor car. The Briton was uninjured and stepped on his accelerator and continued down Route Alfred Magy.

Later he reported the matter to the British military authorities and they notified the headquarters of the Special Municipality Police and demanded an explanation. No reply was received yesterday and so the protest was lodged by the British Consul-General. The British military actually know the number of the policeman concerned. The British subject who was the object of the shooting has kept his name undisclosed.

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British Consulate Lodging Protest With "Ta Tao" Head

As soon as they will be in possession of the S.M.P. report giving full particulars of the incident, and this is expected to be this afternoon at the latest, British Consular authorities will protest to "Mayor" Fu Siao-en over the shooting on Tifeng Road at 10 p.m. Wednesday, THE CHINA PRESS learned yesterday.

It will be recalled that a British subject drove his car along Tifeng Road from north to south at this hour. At the Great Western Road intersection, the Briton saw a "Special Municipality" policeman on the sidewalk. The constable made no move to signal, however, and the Briton drove on.

Just as he had crossed, the Avenue Haig intersection into Route Alfred Magy, he heard the report of a shot, and a bullet whistled past his car.

Uninjured, the Briton drove on, later reporting the matter to the British Military Headquarters, who notified the headquarters of the "Special Municipality" Police and demanded an explanation.

It was learned yesterday that no reply has been made to the military authorities, although the number of the constable is known and was mentioned by the British military.

The Briton in question, it was pointed out, did not wish his name disclosed for fear of possible repercussions. It is known, however, that he is a member of the Shanghai Volunteer Corps.

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Briton Fired On By Puppet Policeman On Tifeng Road

Presumably because he did not search for a "Special Municipality" policeman and request him to perform a traffic signal, a British subject was fired on by a puppet constable at 10 p.m. yesterday just as he drove his car from Tifeng Road into Route Alfred Magy.

While the name of the Briton was not revealed last night, and Bubbling Well Police Station last night had no information of the incident, British military authorities notified the headquarters of "Special Municipality" Police of the affair, and asked for an explanation.

According to official information, the Briton was driving his car along Tifeng Road, from north to south, near Great Western Road, when he passed close to a "Special Municipality" policeman. The Briton slowed down, but, as the constable made no move to signal, he drove on.

Just as he passed the Avenue Haig intersection into Route Alfred Magy, he heard the report of a shot, and heard a bullet whistle past him.

The Briton was not hit, but drove on, later reporting the incident to British Military Headquarters.

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British Consulate Protests Shooting

Ta Tao Police Attack Upon Motorist Scares City

The British Consulate-General is to protest to Mayor Fu Siao-en over the action of a Shanghai Special Municipality policeman firing a shot at a British subject last night, when his car passed the intersection of Tifeng and Great Western Roads, allegedly for not having paid heed to a Ta Tao policeman's signal when on "traffic duty."

Considerable indignation has been aroused in Shanghai over the shooting, as nobody now feels safe in driving in the outside roads areas, where Ta Tao policemen are trying to usurp the functions of the Shanghai Municipal Police and are placed in large parties armed with rifles, on municipal roads and pavements.

The Briton, whose name has not been disclosed, was driving his car along Tifeng Road and passed a Ta Tao policemen, clad in dark winter uniform. When the Briton's car had crossed the intersection he heard a report, and a bullet whistled past his car. He trod on the accelerator and got away.

It appears that a Ta Tao policeman stationed on the sidewalk, and not the "traffic duty" man, had fired the shot. When asked subsequently why he had fired he replied "the man didn't stop for the police signal."

EVENING ECHO

Ta Tao Men Stopped By U.S. Marines Upon Entering Sector

The U.S. Marines included Robinson Road in their regular calls following the peaceful penetration of the thoroughfare on Monday by a wandering band of "Tao Tao" policemen.

The black coats had entered the Settlement from Ferry Road, but members of the S.M.C. rallied to stop them. After considerable arguments the 'visitors' withdrew. Very soon a detachment of U.S. Fourth Marines arrived but the "Tao Tao" men had already gone.

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FORM NO. 3
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File No.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Bubbling Well Station

REPORT

Date Dec. 4th. 1939

Subject (in full) Re alleged Assault on an American Citizen by the members of the S.C.G.P.

Made by and Forwarded by Chief Inspector McFarlane.

Copy of Remarks:—
I D.C. (Dis) - Copies sent to Intelligence Officer. U.S. Marine Corps & Brigade Major.
(Sd) R.W. Yorke
4.12.
II C.P.
D.C. (Op/Br)
(Sd) S.H. Smyth

Seen by

Sir,

Herewith six copies of a statement made by Mr. J.B. Penniston, an American Citizen, who was interfered with and assaulted by the S.C.G. Police near the Jessfield Park this p.m. (3/12/39). Mr. Penniston is to inform his Consul on Monday. No other action has been taken pending instructions.

I am,

Sir,

Yours obediently.

John McFarlane
Officer-in-charge.

D. C. "B"

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

File No.

Pootoo Road B. Station,

REPORT

Date 12 December, 1939.

Subject Armed members of the S.C.C. Police inside the Settlement boundary.

Made by ..... and ..... Forwarded by Inspector J.M. Watson

Sir,

At 11.25 a.m. 11-12-39, F.S. Malley whilst proceeding West on Robison Road with his search party encountered four members of the S.C.C. Police armed with rifles at the entrance to the Iung Wah Li, some 75 yards inside the Settlement Boundary. Upon being questioned they stated they were proceeding North to the Yah-Z-Loong Sub-Station. F.S. Malley refused to allow them to proceed whereupon they returned to the Robison Road Station to report.

At 5.30 p.m. even date, Inspector Watson proceeded to the above Station and warned the deputy officer-in-charge, in the absence of Inspector Wu, that further encroachments inside the Settlement would result in the arrest of the men concerned, and that friction between the two forces was not desired by the Settlement Authorities

The deputy officer replied that he would warn the men to that effect and inform his superior officer who would no doubt call upon the undersigned at a later date.

U.S. Marine authorities and D.O. "B" notified.

J M Watson
Inspector
Officer in charge.

D.O. "B" Div.

D.C. (Spl. Branch).

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British Patrol Nabs 4 Puppet Policemen

Four policemen of the "Shanghai City Government" who attempted to intimidate a shroff of the Danish-owned Shanghai Milk Supply Co., Ltd., at 145 Tunsin Road yesterday morning, were arrested by a British military patrol. At a late hour last night the puppet police quartet was still reposing in the Bubbling Well Police Station.

Members of the Tsaohoching Station, the puppet police were attempting to arrest the shroff to take him back to headquarters, where complaints had been filed against him. However, they overstepped their rights when they attempted to effect the arrest on an extra-Settlement Road, which is outside their jurisdiction.

The military patrol of Seaforth Highlanders who were marching by on their routine beat along Tunsin Road at 10 a.m. yesterday, saw the four men with pistols drawn and immediately arrested them. They were turned over to the Shanghai Municipal Police and disarmed.

The shroff was one Mau Miao-sah, owner of a factory in a Chinese village off Tunsin Road, whose business burned down recently. Two neighboring houses were destroyed in the course of the fire, and the owners of these homes are seeking damages from Mau, it was learned last night.

Reason For Arrest

Unable to obtain satisfaction from the shroff, the villagers appealed to the puppet police of Tsaohoching Station, resulting in the attempted arrest of the shroff by the "Ta Tao" officers on Tunsin Road yesterday morning.

The puppet quartet was still at Bubbling Well Station yesterday, and it could not be learned last night what action was being contemplated by the authorities of the Police and British Military.

It will be recalled that two Chinese constables of the S.M.C. who were arrested by Japanese gendarmes November 19 are still in custody.

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DEC 3 1939.

U.S. Consulate Lodges Protest Over Attack On Ex-Army Officer

Japanese Wife Is Slapped By Puppet Police

While Japanese diplomats were contemplating action to improve relations between Washington and Tokyo, the American Consulate-General here yesterday morning filed yet another protest with the Japanese Consul-General.

The complaint was made following the attack by puppet "City Government" policemen on Major John B. Penniston, American Army officer in the World War.

The representations which were drawn up yesterday morning deal exclusively with the assault on Major Penniston, and no mention was made of Mrs. Penniston, who is Japanese as she is not an American citizen.

Path Blocked

The incident occurred Sunday afternoon while Major and Mrs. Penniston was walking along Yu Yuen Road, near Brenan Road, with their infant son, who was in a perambulator in charge of an amah.

As they reached a point near Brenan Road, they found their path blocked by a group of six puppet policemen. Mr. Penniston motioned them to stand aside, and one officer, standing in the middle of the sidewalk, moved away. When Mrs. Penniston and her amah pushing the perambulator reached the spot, however, the policeman stuck his foot out and refused to allow the baby-carriage to pass.

Mr. Penniston attempted to protest, but two of the policemen threatened him with the rifles in their hands. Meanwhile, his wife was stopped by another policeman. She also protested in Chinese, but was not heeded.

Woman Slapped

According to Mrs. Penniston, the officer told her that if she was Japanese, she might pass. When she did not reply as to her nationality, she stated, she was slapped on the face.

Major Penniston rushed over to save his wife from further manhandling, and was also assaulted, receiving blows from a rifle butt which bruised his left forearm. At the same time, another policeman dealt Mrs. Penniston several blows on her shoulder, ripping her fur coat with the muzzle of his rifle.

At this point one of the puppet policemen attempted to intervene. While he was talking with the other policemen, Major Penniston helped his wife with the baby and amah to move on with Mrs. Penniston still protesting in Chinese.

Apparently irritated by her words, two puppet officers who had assaulted them moved toward her threateningly, but were prevented from approaching by a Chinese in civilian clothes, whose identity was still a mystery yesterday.

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American Ex-Army Officer, Japanese Wife, Assaulted By "Ta Tao" Policemen

Victims On Way To Park With Infant

Puppet Officers Acted Like "Savages," Says Major Penniston

Major John B. Penniston, American Army officer during the World War, and his Japanese wife, were severely manhandled by six "Ta Tao" policemen on Yu Yuen Road near Brenan Road yesterday afternoon while accompanying their infant boy to Jessfield Park.

Both Major and Mrs. Penniston were assaulted by the puppet police, the former sustaining slight bruises on the arm while his wife received injuries about her shoulder. The fur coat which Mrs. Penniston was wearing was ripped by the rifle muzzle of one of the policemen.

In an interview with THE CHINA PRESS yesterday evening, Major Penniston described the "savage attitude" of the puppet officers and stated he "could not understand why arms were put in the hands of such men."

Act Like Savages

"Two of them acted like savages" the major recalled. "They were absolutely unreasonable in their attitude with the exception of one who was relatively decent."

Although neither of the victims required any hospital treatment, they were still in a painful condition last night. The bruised marks were clearly visible.

With his baby riding in a carriage under the care of a Chinese amah, the Major stated, he and his wife proceeded toward the park at about 2.30 p.m. When they reached the Yu Yuen Road and Brenan Road intersection, they found the puppet officers blocking the sidewalk near to the park.

"As I motioned them to stand aside in order to make room for my family to pass," Mr. Penniston said, "the policeman, in the middle of the sidewalk moved away slightly. But when Mrs. Penniston and the carriage, immediately behind, reached the spot, the officer stuck his left foot in front of the carriage wheels preventing them from moving."

Later he registered a protest with the "Ta Tao" men, he recalled. And as he did so, two of the policemen threatened him with the rifles in their hands.

Wife Slapped

Meanwhile, his wife was stopped by another policeman. She also protested, the Major recalled. By uttering a few words in Chinese which he, knowing no Chinese, did not understand.

While her protest went unheeded one of the policemen asked Mrs. Penniston, she later revealed, of her nationality. "If you are Japanese, go on, it's all right," the officer was stated to have said.

When she failed to reply to the inquiry, Major Penniston stated, the policeman slapped her squarely on the face without realizing that she was a Japanese woman.

In an attempt to protect his wife from further manhandling, Major Penniston rushed to her aid and protested vigorously to the officers again. His protest, however was answered by blows from a rifle butt, which bruised his left forearm. At the time, other policemen also rushed to his wife and dealt several blows to her shoulder, ripping her fur coat.

Puppet Interfered

It was at this point that one of the "Ta Tao" policemen attempted to stop the dispute. While he was so doing, the major stated, he helped his wife with the baby and the amah to move on with Mrs. Penniston still protesting.

Apparently irritated by the Chinese words which Mrs. Penniston spoke as she continued toward the park, the two officers who were responsible for slapping her on the face came storming at her again. The timely interference of a Chinese in civilian clothes, whose identity could not be ascertained, was believed to have prevented the staging of other assaults against the couple.

Following the incident, Major Penniston reported the case to the Bubbling Well Police Station. He said he would report the matter to the American Consular authorities today.

The major at one time served on the staff of THE CHINA PRESS.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

REPORT OF POLICE INVESTIGATIONS.

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[illegible] I [illegible] rifles. [illegible] pushed his wife aside, I [illegible] away but the others struck [illegible] with their rifles. [illegible] spoke [illegible] in Chinese [illegible] one of the men [illegible] I [illegible] the assistance of my wife when we were both pushed and struck with rifles resulting in my wife's coat being torn on the left shoulder.

One of the members of the S.C.G. Police then asked my wife if she was Japanese and told her that if she was she could proceed. My wife did not make any reply and later a male Chinese in civilian clothes approached and tried to settle the matter and we were allowed to proceed.

John B. Pennington

Mr. John B. Penniston, and 1376, House
18 Yu Yuen Road

U.S. Citizen F.O. 337 Vaughan-Heale

B'well 3-12-39

At about 2.30 p.m. 3-12-39 I was walking East to West on Yu Yuen Road accompanied by my wife and child who was riding in a pram and when we were about to turn round the small island facing the main gates of Jessfield Park, I observed 5 or 6 members of the S.C.G. Police standing on the footpath and blocking our way. On reaching the Policemen they did not move out of our way, so I motioned to them to move. The Policemen moved but one of them stuck out his foot in front of the wheels of the baby carriage. I protested to the Policeman but he grinned and did not take any notice. I again protested when two of the men commenced to menance us with their rifles. One of the men then pushed his rifle against me, I pushed the rifle away but the others started to push me with their rifles. My wife then spoke to them in Chinese when one of the men smacked her face. I went to the assistance of my wife when we were both pushed and struck with rifles resulting in my wife's coat being torn on the left shoulder.

One of the members of the S.C.G. Police then asked my wife if she was Japanese and told her that if she was she could proceed. My wife did not make any reply and later a male Chinese in civilian clothes approached and tried to settle the matter and we were allowed to proceed.

John B. Penniston

Misc. File No. 408/39.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Jordon Road Station, 4/11/39

REPORT

Date November 4, 1939.

Subject. An arrest of [illegible] Chinese by members of the Special Branch of the Shanghai City Government Police.

Made by D.S. 103 Baldock. Forwarded by [illegible] Officer i/c.

Sir,

At 6.00 p.m. on the 4-11-39 a telephone message was received from [illegible] residing at No.4 Tai Ping Li off Connaught Road, [illegible] the suspected kidnapping of one [illegible] (徐[illegible]) residing at No.3 Tai [illegible].

[illegible] report C.D.S. 46 and the [illegible] under the above [illegible] and ascertained [illegible] as follows:-

The [illegible] in question is a Out-de-Sau, and [illegible] 50 yards off Connaught Road.

At about 6 p.m. on the 3-11-39 three male Chinese were [illegible] with a long pistol [illegible] a letter to Zee Zung [illegible] that they were members of the Shanghai City Government Police Special Branch and that he would have to accompany them. Zee Zung Zeu, age 49, native of Ningpo, w/Godown - keeper employed at the Kung Yih (公[illegible]) Cotton Mill [illegible] left with the three men in a Silver Taxi S.M.C. No. No.18298.

The driver of the M/Car was immediately located and he was found to be one named Tsa Ah Nyi (蔡阿二), holding S.M.C. drivers permit No.5752.

He stated that the three persons hired the car at the Jessfield Park Garage at 5.52 p.m. and told him that they were members of the Shanghai City Government Police Bureau, and that they wanted to go to Connaught Road to arrest a person and return to Jessfield Park, they eventually left the car at the Mei Tsung (梅[illegible])

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Station,

Date 19

Subject.

Made by Forwarded by

Alleyway off Ya Yuen Road at about 6.15 p.m. and escorted the arrested person into the alleyway.

Enquiries in the vicinity revealed that there was a secret special branch sub-station at No.5 Mei Tsai Alleyway. This place was visited by C.D.C. 187 and the undersigned and the inmates stated that they were [illegible] Police Bureau and that they had [illegible] but they refused to state for what offence he had been arrested.

I am, Sir,

Yours obediently,

W. Baldock
D.S. 103.

John Cahyers
Sen. Det. 1/c.

D.I. [illegible] Div.

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Two British Women Slapped By Police On Columbia Road

Two British women were slapped in the face by a "Ta-Tao" policeman while they were traveling on a bus at Amherst Avenue and Columbia last Monday night, a belated report said yesterday. The identity of the foreigners could not be ascertained.

According to the report, the policeman together with several others entered the vehicle at that intersection with unmuzzled dogs. When the women protested, one after another they were struck by one of the policemen.

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Man Left Dying Under "Municipality" Guard

Removal from Pavement To Hospital Thwarted

A dying Chinese lay on the footpath outside 11 Brenan Road, near Jessfield Road, for a matter of three hours on Friday night, guarded by a policeman of the Shanghai "Special Municipality," it was revealed yesterday. He was finally abandoned towards midnight, when he was found to be dead.

The case came to the attention of the Settlement Police shortly after 8.30 o'clock, at which time a foreign sergeant on patrol spotted the prone figure on the pavement, with a Chinese Municipality constable standing guard. The foreigner could see that the man in the road, was *in extremis*.

The sergeant having reported his discovery, efforts were made by the Settlement Police to have the suffering Chinese removed to hospital. It is stated, however, that the Special Municipality constable refused to let anyone touch the man until he had received instructions from the headquarters of the Special Municipality Police at 92 Jessfield Road.

Finally, at 11.30 p.m., the constable abandoned the figure on the pavement. When the Settlement Police picked him up, the man was dead and he was so certified a few minutes later at St. Luke's Hospital. The body was taken to the public mortuary. Death had apparently been due to illness.

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Britons Held by Chinese Police

Detained for Four Hours After Trivial Accident on Road Outside Perimeter

Detailed reports were made yesterday to the British Consular authorities regarding the detention of Mr. C. N. Abbott, British, of the Imperial Chemical Industries staff, and Mrs. Abbott by "Special Municipality" police on Wednesday. Mr. Abbott was held for 3 hours and 45 minutes, while his wife was detained for a shorter period.

Mr. and Mrs. Abbott were riding in Great Western Road, near the intersection of Warren Road, when Mr. Abbott's pony shied away from a motor car and backed into a Chinese on a bicycle. The cyclist was injured slightly, the fingers of one hand being bruised.

A policeman of the "Special Municipality" appeared on the scene and later was joined by two more constables. None of them could speak English, and Mr. and Mrs. Abbott could not explain in Chinese what had occurred. Mr. Abbott tried to inform them that he wanted to go back to the Great Western Road barrier for an interpreter. Mr. and Mrs. Abbott and the constables finally went together.

At the perimeter a British sentry realized the plight of the two foreigners and informed a foreign sergeant of the Shanghai Municipal Police. A report was made to the Bubbling Well Station, and the British Military Headquarters were also notified.

Mrs. Abbott Seized by Arm

Meanwhile several more "Special Municipality" policemen had joined the group, including an officer of this body. Mrs. Abbott wanted to cross the barrier into the British sector but was not allowed to do so by the "Special Municipality" police inspector, who is alleged to have seized her by the arm. It was not until a civilian foreigner had intervened in her behalf that she was allowed to go. With her pony she crossed the perimeter to the British side.

Mr. Abbott was finally taken to the "Special Municipality" Police Station in Great Western Road for questioning. He was held there until 2.45 p.m., when he was allowed to go home. The negotiations in the case were carried on by the Chinese, Japanese, Settlement Police and British Military. The officers who took part as representatives of the British Military Headquarters included Maj.-Gen. F. K. Simmons, commander of British Forces in the Shanghai area, and Major S. R. Hunt, liaison officer with the Japanese Forces.

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Council Asking Consuls To Act Against Ta Tao 'Outside Road' Invasion

CITY GOVERNMENT ACTION TO POLICE STREETS, GET TAXES REPORTED TO BODY

Consuls-General Meeting Expected

With Ta Tao policemen continuing to duplicate Shanghai Municipal Police traffic posts and still manning sandbag barricades on municipal pavements, as part of their attempts to seize the rich revenue of the outside roads area, appeal had been made by the SMC to the Consular Body over the affair.

Consuls-General of the foreign Powers are considering the matter at present, and it is believed that they will hold a conference on the matter in the near future.

Economic Affair

Although on the face of it a political affair, efforts by the Ta Tao authority to take the area from the SMC has great economic significance. In the first half of this year rates and taxes collected by the SMC totalled $528,642, while the budget, for the year estimated total collection at $932,000, although it is quite possible that it may hit the million.

Invasion by the Japanese sponsored regime is considered to be aimed more at the cash than at the political angle, as the Ta Tao subsidy from Nanking was recently halted.

SMC Attitude

Attitude of the Shanghai Municipal Council towards the outside roads is that they were built by the SMC on land purchased by the SMC under rights conferred by existing regulations, and that dwellers alongside the road have to pay rates and taxes.

Moreover, dwellers in lanes off the road who have access to municipal drainage systems, or to light and water facilities made possible by the SMC must pay the same rates. Recent attempts have been made by Ta Tao authorities also to collect rates in the area, although with what degree of success has not been announced.

Municipal Services

The SMC looks after the roads in the area, provides fire department service, and even is taking health and cleansing measures well of the roads itself, so control of these areas does not just mean collecting of revenue, but expenditure of a considerable sum of money.

Up to the present Ta Tao interference has taken the form of attempting to usurp police functions from the SMP, despite promises that the Ta Tao men would only function off the roads. Recent developments have included the attempt to take over control of two traffic lights, at Edinburgh intersections with Great Western and Yu Yuen Roads, and an ultimatum to the Police that these lights should not function as from today, which was ignored. This is in addition to sending bills for Ta Tao rates and taxes.

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Paging Washington And London

THE Shanghai Municipal Council needs the support of the foreign powers interested in the International Settlement in settling the outside road impasse. Unless this support is given promptly and in an unmistakable fashion, an extremely undesirable precedent, detrimental to the status of all the foreign controlled areas in China, is likely to be established.

This newspaper does not intend at this moment to delve into complicated legal and diplomatic phases of the outside road problem. It is sufficient to point out that when all the facts are boiled down to their bare essentials, the "Ta Tao" policemen have no right to be on the extra-Settlement roads.

The "Ta Tao" regime or the so-called "Special Municipality of Greater Shanghai" is not an organization representing the legally recognized government of China. Its policemen are able to take up their posts on extra-Settlement roads merely because they happen to have guns, and because the Shanghai Municipal Council is not disposed or in a position to use similarly forcible measures in dislodging them.

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IF we are inclined to use high-flown terms, we may correctly and with justification use the word "invasion" in describing the action of the "Ta Tao" policemen. That indeed is what the action of the "Ta Tao" policemen really amounts to, and there is no reason why the foreign powers interested in the Settlement should continue to refrain from recognizing and calling a spade a spade.

Having sent its armed men to patrol and occupy the roads, the "Ta Tao" regime is now starting negotiations with the Shanghai Municipal Council with the hope that their "invasion" and the *de facto* status of the outside road will be consecrated by a formal agreement and officially recognized.

The Shanghai Municipal Council, which derives its authority and support from the various powers, is in a pathetic quandary. Unable to take a firm stand because of the lack of support, the Council has been compelled to make one concession after another. This series of retreats has already enabled the "Ta Tao" agents to have the run of the field in the outside road area. Unless some support is given immediately, the Council will ultimately find it necessary to bow to force and to recognize the "right" of the "Ta Tao" regime in the western outside road districts.

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THE status of the extra-Settlement road affects today not only the status of the International Settlement and the French Concession but also the fate of all foreign controlled areas in China. This is true because the outside road impasse involves the question of the legality of the puppet regimes.

If the "Ta Tao" policemen are allowed to continue their occupation and if an agreement is finally reached which concedes to the "Ta Tao" regime the right to collect taxes in the outside road area, this would mean in effect that the Shanghai Municipal Council and the foreign powers interested in the Settlement have bestowed their official recognition on the puppet "government."

It would also mean—if concession is made to the "Ta Tao" regime—that the powers have formally recognized the fact that the puppet governments have a legal claim on the foreign-controlled areas.

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FROM such a *de facto* or *de jure* recognition it will be easy to lead to the next step. As soon as a formal agreement is reached, the "Ta Tao" regime in Shanghai and their counterparts in other cities of China will immediately start agitating for the immediate return of all the foreign settlements and concessions. If events in the future should take such a turn, the foreign powers would indeed have no one but themselves to blame because it was the concession in the outside road areas which led to such a development.

On the outside road question, the Shanghai Municipal Council must not be left in the lurch by the foreign powers. It must be given prompt and full support by the powers because unless such support is forthcoming, the Council will be compelled to capitulate and be forced to take part in establishing a dangerous precedent which in future will form the basis for further encroachment upon foreign rights and interests in China.

NORTH CHINA DAILY NEWS.

OCT 1 4 1939

Mayor Fu's Police Interfere in West

"Special Municipality" Men Order Traffic Lights Out in Edinburgh Road

Members of the "Special Municipality Police" under Mr. Fu Siao-en, ordered British Indian constables of the Settlement Police to switch off the S.M.P. traffic lights at two important crossings in Edinburgh Road at 10.40 o'clock yesterday morning, thus causing temporary confusion at these intersections and a quasi-incident which was settled when police reinforcements were rushed to the two places from Bubbling Well Station, and the "Special Municipality Police" finally withdrew their augmented force.

The attempt on the part of the Kiangwan authorities to seize full control of the traffic situation along Edinburgh Road, in the British Military Defence Sector, was made without warning when squads of their "police" equipped with rifles marched up to the Sikh constables on duty and ordered them to turn off the regular traffic lights at the two intersections. The Indians were forced to comply with the demand and, as soon as they were able to leave their posts, communicated by the S.M.P. street telephone with Bubbling Well Station, whence squads of foreigners and Chinese were immediately sent to the scene.

Light Signals Resumed

It was estimated that the control light at Yu Yuen and Edinburgh Roads was off for about three minutes while the one at Great Western and Edinburgh Roads was out of operation for about ten. At any rate, with the appearance of about twenty extra S.M.P. men at each crossing the "Special Municipality" constables promptly made way for the Settlement Police to resume their guidance of the red-and-green semaphores. After about an hour all the additional Kiangwan constables were withdrawn from both intersections (including one man carrying a species of sub-machine gun, at Yu Yuen and Edinburgh Roads), and a short time later the S.M.P. recalled their reinforcements.

Meanwhile, senior police officers had arrived and inspected the two crossings as well as the intersection of Edinburgh and Tunsin Roads, where the "Special Municipality" had increased their squad of men. Mr. R. W. Yorke and Mr. A. H. Samson, Assistant Commissioners, were on the scene with other high officials of the S.M.P.

A personal inspection of the localities involved was made also by Major-General F. Keith-Simmons, Commander of British Forces in the Shanghai Area, and Major B. H. Ashmore, Brigade Major.

Shortly after the incident, truck-loads of "Special Municipality" uniformed men, equipped with rifles, toured the district, pausing at the important crossings. These men did not alight from their lorries, however, at the Edinburgh Road intersections.

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Apology Received from "Municipality" Police

An apology has been made to the British military authorities in Shanghai by the Shanghai Special Municipality Police for the mistake made by them on October 5 when Mr. James Ward, Briton, employed by Messrs. Reuter, was forcibly removed from his residence at House 23, Lane 1984, Bubbling Well Road, by Chinese policemen employed by the "Special Municipality."

In a statement yesterday the British military authorities said: "Maj.-Gen. F. Keith Simmons received a call from Col. E. Igarashi, Japanese Adviser to the "Special Municipality" police, and Mr. Loo Ying, on Saturday, October 7.

Col. Igarashi and Mr. Loo Ying both apologized and expressed their regrets for the mistake made by the Shanghai "Special Municipality" Police in arresting Mr. James Ward, a British subject."

It is understood a similar apology has been made to Major K. M. Bourne, Commissioner of the Settlement Police.

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Bus Searching Is Started By Local Puppets

Omnibus Boarded Near Hollywood By Six "Ta Tao" Men

"Ta Tao" police in plainclothes yesterday started searching buses of the China General Omnibus Company on extra-Settlement roads. This is according to information obtained by THE CHINA PRESS from reliable sources last night.

The first case of its kind occurred on Yu Yuen Road directly in front of the Hollywood Gardens. The time was about 4.15 p.m. and the number of the bus board was 15149.

15-Minute Search

Eye-witnesses and passengers of the bus afterwards stated that six men in plainclothes, some of whom were armed, entered the bus as it stopped near the Hollywood Gardens and started to search everybody on board.

The search lasted about 15 minutes after which the intruders left the vehicle and permitted it to proceed. The Shanghai Municipal Police were subsequently notified and an investigation was launched.

Members of the search party are stated to have informed some of the passengers that they were "Ta Tao" policemen and were looking for guns. They found none.

Throwing a large section of the western district into a panic, "Ta Tao" policemen, led by Japanese gendarmes, staged "war games" on the stretch of land between Columbia Circle and Amherst Avenue yesterday afternoon.

Gardens Trampled

The "war games" got under way at approximately 2.30 p.m., when more than 50 "Ta Tao" gendarmes, armed with rifles and machine-guns, fired blank cartridges, trampled gardens and vegetable fields under foot, and halted all traffic in this area for more than 30 minutes.

The "Ta Tao" policemen were still there after 3 p.m., but the maneuvers had finished by that time.

The "war games" were staged well within "Ta Tao" territory, it was reported to THE CHINA PRESS by a foreign eye-witness, who stated that in his opinion several hundred rounds of blank shots were fired.

Well-informed circles commenting on the "war maneuvers" yesterday held the view that the operation was a demonstration to impress badlands gangsters.

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5th October 39.

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ARREST OF BRITISH SUBJECT BY PRO. WANG CHING WEI PARTY.

At 8.30 p.m. Oct. 5, 1939 Mr. Blackwood, 19 Delight Villas, 1984 Bubbling Well Road, telephoned Bubbling Well Station and reported that two members of S. C. G. P. Bureau and two Japanese in plain clothes were taking away a foreigner from 23 Delight Villas.

C.I. Dudley, D.I. Tabrum, D.C.I. Chen Chin Tsaung and F.P.S.832 Saheki proceeded to the above address where it was learned from several foreign witnesses that at about 8.15 p.m. six Chinese, two in uniform and four in plain clothes, the latter were armed with pistols had by mistake entered House 19, from where they proceeded to House 23, in which they arrested Mr. James Ward, British subject, age 33, employed as a mechanic by Reuters, 34 Avenue Edward VII, and seized a wireless transmitter, a wireless receiver, a typewriter and a camera.

At the time of conducting these enquiries the two men in uniform involved in the arrest and seizure reappared evidently for the purpose of conducting a further search. They were confronted by C.I. Dudley and D.I. Tabrum who demanded to know to where Mr. Ward had been taken. These men stated that a mistake had occurred and that the arrested Britisher had been removed to 46

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Kinnear Road. Later, it was found that Mr. Ward had been removed in a m/car to 76 Jessfield Road, Headquarters of the Pro Wang Ching Wei Party.

At this stage of the investigation Mr. Yorke, D.O. "B", arrived and took charge of the case.

Mr. Yorke, C.I. Dudley, D.I. Tabrum, D.S.I. Chen Chin Tsaung and D.S. Nagamune proceeded to 76 Jessfield Road and having gained entry, the armed guards on duty inside the approach to the premises were asked to inform somebody in authority to come to the gate entrance where the Police party were requested to wait.

After a considerable delay and those on duty at the entrance having learned the nature of the Police visit, a Chinese who is known as Captain Wu arrived. He requested the Police party to wait for a member of the Japanese Military and upon finding that Mr. Yorke did not wish to do so turned out reinforcements who armed with Mausers and rifles posted themselves at the entrance to the gate in a menacingly manner.

Finally, D.S.I. Chen Chin Tsaung was informed that Mr. Ward was at Japanese Military Police Headquarters, 94 Jessfield Road.

The same party proceeded to 94 where Mr. Ward was found sitting in the lobby. He was spoken to by Mr. Yorke and D.I. Tabrum and stated he was the person who

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had been arrested at about 8.15 p.m.

After waiting a few minutes, Sgt. Major Saito appeared and when informed by Mr. Yorke that a British subject was being detained on the premises Sgt. Major Saito stated that he knew nothing about it.

The Police party having observed that Mr. Ward had gone from the lobby left the premises.

Mr. Yorke then communicated the facts of the case to Major Ashmore, Brigade Major, British Forces, Tifeng Road Camp.

At about 11.30 p.m. Capt. Smyth, D.C. Divisions, and Major Ashmore proceeded to 94 Jessfield Road, where they were joined shortly afterwards by Mr. Samson, A.C., and Messrs H.H. Thomas and G.W. Crighton, H.B.M. Consular Officials.

At about 12.30 a.m. Oct. 6, 1939 Mr. Ward was surreptiously released and all the property seized at his house was returned to him with the exception of the wireless transmitter and receiver which articles he disowned.

Mr. Ward was sent home in a hired Johnson m/car.

Later, questioned at the Station, Mr. Ward stated that upon arrival at 76 Jessfield Road, he was subjected to lengthy questioning by Chinese in civilian clothing

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concerning use of transmitter and receiving set found in his premises and his relations with a Chinese named "Wong" who operated the set.

Mr. Ward informed his captors that the set was the property of a Chinese known to him only as "Wong" who occupied a room on the third floor. This room he had leased to "Wong" about a year ago for a rental of $60.00 a month. "Wong" did not sleep on the premises and he, Mr. Ward, firmly believed that "Wong" used the set only for the purpose of sending news from local Chinese newspapers to outports which includes Chungking.

R. H. Tabum
Det. Inspector

D.D.O. "B" Division.

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Apology to H.M. Consulate For Mr. Ward's Arrest

Japanese Evince Further Interest Yesterday in His House ; Detailed Account of Proceedings

IN connection with the arrest and detention of Mr. James Ward, employee of Reuters, Ltd., by the "Special Municipality" police at his home at House 23, Lane 1984, Bubbling Well Road, on Thursday night, a full apology was tendered to H.M. Consul-General, Sir Herbert Phillips, by two officials of the Shanghai "Special Municipality" who called on him yesterday afternoon.

The two officials were Mr. Lu Ying, Chief of Police of the Shanghai Special Municipality, and Col. E. Igarashi, Chief Adviser to the Shanghai "Special Municipality" Police Bureau. They were received on behalf of the Consul-General by the Superintending Consul, Mr. C. V. Kitson.

Mr. Lu Ying, speaking for the Shanghai Special Municipality, apologized for the arrest and detention of Mr. Ward. He informed the Superintending Consul that the "special municipality" Police had entered Mr. Ward's house not knowing it was the property of a Third Power National and had arrested him in ignorance of the fact that he was a Briton. The police official responsible for the affair, he said, had been punished.

He assured the Superintending Consul that there would be no recurrence of such incidents and that there would be no interference with British nationals in the future. Mr. Lu Ying guaranteed, on behalf of the Shanghai "Special Municipality," full protection for British residents in the area under its jurisdiction.

Entry Forced

Meanwhile, the "North-China Daily News" learned yesterday that a party consisting of approximately ten men, including two uniformed members of the "Special Municipality" police rang the bell of Mr. Ward's residence at about 8 p.m., pushing their way into the hall as soon as the door had been opened. They demanded to inspect the premises, whereupon Mr. Ward asked for a warrant to be produced. While a few members of the group left the building, presumably to obtain the warrant, the remainder commenced a search subsequently discovering a small room containing a wireless transmitter which was quickly dismantled and seized.

This room, it was learned, had been rented to a certain Mr. Wang whose activities were unknown to Mr. Ward as the only contact which he had with his tenant, was that of collecting the rental at the end of each month. The discovery of the transmitter, however, resulted in Mr. Ward's arrest. He was taken to the "Special Municipality" police station, Jessfield Road, and was interrogated. He was even asked to devulge the salary which he was being paid by Messrs. Reuters, Ltd.

During the period of his detention, Mr. Ward was moved to various houses in the vicinity on two occasions, being finally led to a room where he was being watched by an armed policeman.

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S.M.P. Intervene

High Settlement Police officials informed the British Consul-General of the affair and Mr. Ward was released shortly after midnight.

Despite yesterday's apology, however, the authorities in control of the "outside roads" districts evinced considerable interest for Mr. Ward's home yesterday. The building was photographed from outside and from within and two or three persons, believed to have been Japanese, called at the house on a number of occasions yesterday and asked the servants when they expected Mr. Ward to return.

Shortly after noon yesterday, two cars filled with Japanese or Chinese arrived at the house and made similar enquiries waereupon they departed.

Meanwhile, Mr. Ward did not return to his home yesterday and asked his servants to bring his belongings to an address in the Central District, where he is temporarily staying pending the settlement of the affair through official channels.

Questioned regarding the incident, a spokesman at yesterday's press conference stated that the "Special Municipality" police had heard that a Chinese, believed to be a Mr. Wang, was engaged in illegal radio communications with Chungking. In view of this report, the spokesman continued, a raid on the building in question was carried out.

As Mr. Ward was an athlete and sun-tanned, the spokesman added, and as he did not look like a foreigner, the detectives mistook him for Wang.

Moreover, the spokesman added, Mr. Ward's name, translated into Chinese means "flower" and "virtue" and is pronounced "Wah Te" which led to his being mistaken for the wanted man.

When his true identity was established, the spokesman concluded, the Special Municipality "took measures for his relief and an apology was made while disciplinary action was taken against those who took part in the raid.

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Apology Is Offered To British Consulate For Arrest Of Mr. J. Ward

Chief Of City Government Police Calls To See Consul-General Yesterday Afternoon; Case Of Mistaken Identity Is Revealed

BRITON MISTAKEN FOR MAN WHO HAD SENT MESSAGES TO CHUNGKING

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The two officials were Mr. Lu Ying, Chief of Police of the Shanghai Special Municipality, and Colonel E. Igarashi, Chief Adviser of the Shanghai Special Municipality Police Bureau. They were received on behalf of the Consul-General by the Superintending Consul, Mr. G. V. Kitson.

Mr. Lu Ying, speaking for the Shanghai Special Municipality, apologized for the arrest and detention of Mr. Ward.

He informed the Superintending Consul that the City Police had entered Mr. Ward's house not knowing it was the property of a Third-Power national and had arrested him in ignorance of the fact that he was a Briton. The police official responsible for the affair, he said, had been punished.

He assured the Superintending Consul that there would be no recurrence of such incidents and that there would be no interference with British nationals in the future.

Mr. Lu Ying guaranteed, on behalf of the Shanghai Special Municipality, full protection for British residents in the area under the jurisdiction of the Special Municipality.

Forcibly Removed

Mr. Ward was allegedly forcibly removed from his residence at about 8.10 p.m. on Thursday and not released until shortly after midnight and then only after negotiations had been conducted by high ranking officers of the S.M.P., the British military and the British Consulate.

At the time that Mr. Ward was forcibly removed from his house by officers of the City Government Police, they also removed a wireless transmitting set he had in his house as well as a typewriter and took it together with him to their headquarters on Jinkiang Road.

It was only after lengthy negotiations that Mr. Ward was released and the wireless set turned over to the S.M.P. British authorities are now conducting a full investigation into the affair.

Mistaken Identity

"The arrest of Mr. James Ward by the Special Municipality was due to mistaken identity," the Japanese Army spokesmen said at the press conference last evening.

"The Special Municipality police had heard that a man named Wang had been engaged in illegal radio communication with Chungking," said the spokesman. "In view of the report, detectives staged a raid on the premises in which the alleged sending of communications was taking place.

"On entering the premises the detectives found an elaborate radio sending and receiving apparatus. They assumed Mr. Ward to be Mr. Wang, the man they were looking for, and took him to headquarters for questioning.

"As stated in the newspapers, Mr. Ward was an athlete and suntanned. As he was of mixed parentage and did not look like a foreigner, they mistook him for Wang."

When it was established that Mr. Ward was not the man wanted, the Special Municipality took measures for his release and an apology was given, and disciplinary action was taken against those who took part in the raid.

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Apology Over "Ta Tao" Raid Given British

Employee Of Reuters' Detained Not Baseball Star

Full apology for the arrest and detention of Mr James Ward, employee of *Reuters* Ltd., by the "Ta Tao" police Thursday night, was tendered to the British Consul General, Sir Herbert Phillips, by two officials of the Shanghai Special Municipality, who called at the British Consulate General yesterday afternoon.

The two officials were Mr Lu Ying, "Chief of the Ta Tao police," and Colonel E. Igarashi, chief adviser to the Shanghai "Special Municipality Police Bureau." They were received on behalf of Sir Herbert by the Superintending British Consul, Mr G. V. Kitson. Lu Ying, speaking for his organization, apologized for the arrest and detention of Mr Ward.

He informed Mr Kitson that the "Ta Tao" police had entered Mr Ward's house not knowing it was the property of a third power national and had arrested him in ignorance of the fact that he was a Briton. The "Ta Tao" official responsible for the affair, he said, had been punished.

Lu Ying assured the British official that there would be no recurrence of such incidents and that there would be no interference with British nationals in the future. Lu Ying also guaranteed, on behalf of the Shanghai "Special Municipality," full protection for British residents in the area under the jurisdiction of the "Special Municipality."

Not Baseball Star

Meanwhile, it was denied yesterday that the Ward detained by the "Ta Tao" police was not Mr. James Ward, the well-known local soccer and baseball star, as erroneously reported in THE CHINA PRESS yesterday. THE CHINA PRESS regrets this error.

The raid on Mr. Ward's home was the subject of questioning at the Japanese press conference last night. The Japanese army spokesman stated that the "Ta Tao" police were looking for a Chinese named Wang who was suspected of maintaining illegal radio communications with Chungking. They did seize a radio sending set but this was handed over to the British authorities.

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One male Indian and one male Chinese arrested [illegible] by [illegible] to 92 Jessfield [illegible] by [illegible] policemen

[illegible] 23 on duty at Wifen Road [illegible] the station and reported [illegible] about [illegible] 5/10/39, he had been called to 233 Jessfield [illegible] Indian named [illegible] 45 employed at 1171 Sinza Road, and a Chinese [illegible].

[illegible] Indian was suffering from a cut on the right eye, he decided to bring them to the station.

Whilst proceeding along Road, he was stopped by three [illegible] policemen, who refused to allow him to proceed, stating that the two prisoners would have to go to 92 Jessfield Road.

Thereon were then taken away by the S.C.G. Police men, whilst S.C.73 came to the station to make a report.

Inspt. Yamaguchi and D.S. Weeks proceeded to 92 Jessfield Road, and interviewed Major Suwa, Japanese Adviser to the S.C.G.P.B., who stated that he had received orders from Kiangyan Headquarters, that all cases occurring on Extra Settlement roads would be dealt with by the S.C.G.P.B.

These instructions he had passed on to the police men under him.

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British Doctor Detained Two Hours By 'Ta Tao' Policemen

To Dr. John Gray, British, 934 Bubbling Well Road, goes the distinction of being the first foreigner to become involved in a serious altercation with "Ta Tao" traffic police now usurping S.M.P. duties on extra-Settlement roads of the Western District.

Dr. Gray was stopped and detained by "Ta Tao" police near the corner of Tifeng and Bubbling Well Roads about 6 p.m. yesterday. He was released two hours later.

The doctor was driving his car along Bubbling Well Road when a "Ta Tao" traffic policeman standing at the intersection of that street and Tifeng Road suddenly ordered the machine to stop. The puppet policeman asked for the doctor's driving license and the doctor refused to produce it.

"I obey only S.M.C. regulations on this street," the doctor is credited with having told the "Ta Tao" policeman.

This reply seemed to infuriate the "Ta Tao" man who summoned help. Within a matter of seconds, some 40 "Ta Tao" policemen, most of them armed with rifles, surrounded Dr. Gray's car. He was ordered to remain in the machine but two women were permitted to go.

The ensuing argument is reported to have been rather heated and resulted in the doctor's being detained until about 8 p.m. Members of the Shanghai Municipal Police were responsible for terminating the dispute. They appeared on the scene just a few minutes after the argument started and after considerable discussion, were successful in obtaining "Ta Tao," permission for the doctor to go home.

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Foreigners Held Up By Chinese Police

Dispute Over Traffic in Outside Roads Area

The first incident involving foreigners in extra-Settlement road areas in the western district since the Shanghai Special Municipality police have taken up traffic duties there occurred last night shortly after 6 o'clock when a motor car in which Mr. John Gray, a British engineer connected with a firm at 410 Szechuen Road, and three friends, two of them ladies, were travelling, was stopped in Tifeng Road near Bubbling Well Road.

The new municipality officers thought that Mr. Gray's car had violated traffic regulations and so they ordered that it be stopped. There was a heated dispute and the car was detained for a considerable time. Settlement police later intervened and the ensuing negotiations resulted in the car being allowed to proceed. While official quarters were reticent, it was learned that the motoring party had been detained in the street for more than an hour.

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City Police Hold Briton For 2 Hours

Mr. John Gray Involved In Traffic Dispute In West Area

Mr. John Gray, well-known local British consulting engineer and marine and cargo surveyor, was detained for nearly two hours by Shanghai City Government police yesterday evening on Bubbling Well Road, near the intersection of Tifeng Road, following an argument with a member of the City Government police over an alleged traffic infringement.

Mr Gray was proceeding to his residence on Hungjao Road in his car at about 6.10 p.m. when he was halted by a City Government policeman on traffic duty at the corner of Bubbling Well and Tifeng Roads for allegedly disobeying a traffic signal. Mr. Gray's car, which was proceeding east to west along Bubbling Well Road, narrowly avoided colliding with a car travelling North to South across the intersection of Bubbling Well and Tifeng Roads, after which he was ordered to stop by the policemen.

Denies Guilt

Firmly denying that he was guilty of any traffic infringement Mr. Gray refused to accompany the constable to the City Government's new station on Jessfield Road, near Bubbling Well Road Police Station, whereupon the latter called for reinforcements.

Forty or 50 heavily armed City Government policemen quickly arrived on the scene, followed by members of Bubbling Well Station, under Inspector Dudley, officer in charge of the station, and negotiations were conducted on the spot as Mr. Gray still firmly refused to leave. There were three other persons in the car at the time of the incident, a Mr. MacDonald and two ladies, but while Mr. MacDonald remained with Mr. Gray throughout the entire proceedings, the ladies were permitted to leave almost immediately.

Finally, shortly before 8 p.m., Mr. Gray was permitted to continued his belated journey homewards. It is believed that a protest will be filed with the British Consular authorities over the affair.

DAILY NEWS

OCT 5 1939

Special Municipality Police Board Bus

Two Chinese passengers in a Route No. 1 omnibus were taken off the vehicle by police of the Shanghai "Special Municipality" shortly before 9 o'clock yesterday morning.

The incident occurred in Yu Yuen Road, almost opposite the entrance to Jessfield Park. The two men were taken to the street and searched, while the bus was allowed to proceed. After a few minutes the two Chinese were permitted to go.

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S'Well
22nd.September, 39.

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Male Chinese Arrested by S.C.G.P.Bureau in C.O.L. House.

At 6.55a.m. 22/9/39 S.P.W. 388 reported by telephone that a male Chinese had been arrested and taken away from No. 65 West End Gardens, by S.C.G.P. Bureau officers.

Enquiries were made at the above address by D.S.I. Burton, D.S. Nagamune and C.D.S. 22.

No. 65 West End Gardens is occupied by Mr. Tsz Poh Wei (朱伯偉) and his family. He is aged 52, a native of Tungchow, and is employed as a cotton merchant. S.M.C. rates are paid on the premises.

According to Mrs. Tsz Mao Ss (朱毛氏), at about 6.30a.m. 22/9/39 two S.C.G.P.Bureau officers and two men in plain clothes entered the house by the open front door One of the uniformed men carried a rifle, and one of the others was wearing foreign style clothing. The party asked if a man named Tsz lived there, and when told that he did, they went to the upstairs rooms and made a superficial search. In reply to their enquiry if there were any firearms in the house, they were told that there were not. In one room they found Mr. Tsz Poh Wei in bed and told him that a Tungchow man named Ting (丁) had been arrested, and that he (Tsz) must accompany

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them and act as guarantor for the prisoner. Mr. Tsz was not given time enough to dress and had to accompany them in his underclothing: however, he was not handcuffed or manhandled in any way. The party then entered a white coloured m/car, number unknown, and drove away towards Yu Ywen Road.

As the m/car was probably one belonging to the Silver Taxi Service, the company was communicated with and requested to send the chauffeur of any car to Bubbling Well Station who had driven to West End Gardens at about 6.30a.m.

At 9.30a.m. 22/9/39 Ying Sien Kyien (殷選奇), S.M.P. Licence No. 14381, living at 76 R. de Sieyes, and employed by the Silver Taxi Service, came to the station.

Ying Sien Kyien stated that at 5.45a.m. 22/9/39 one named Wong (王) ordered a taxi to be sent to Ese Wah Wha near Columbia Road Bridge. He drove Hire Car No. 18240 to that address where four male Chinese boarded it:-

(1) Age about 33/4, 5'7/8", slim build, long sallow face, wearing a grey foreign style summer suit, tie and black felt hat. Kompo (?) dialect.

(2) Age 27/8, 5'4/5", small build, round sallow face; wearing light grey summer suit and a light grey cap.

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(3) Age 35/6, 5'5/6", slim build, long dark face; wearing a black silk long gown and a dark felt hat.

(4) Wearing a long gown.

The chauffeur, under instructions, drove to the mouth of East Ts An Pang village on Edinburgh Road, where the 1st. man left the car and was replaced by two uniformed S.C.G.P.Bureau officers, both of whom were armed with a rifle. The car was then driven via Yu Yuen Road to West End Gardens and stopped where that lane forms an "S" bend.

The party left the car and returned after about ten minutes with a male Chinese in his underclothes. They then went to East Ts An Pang where the two uniformed men alighted and first-described plainclothes man re-entered the car. The party returned to East Fah Wha where all got out and after the taxi fare had been paid, walked away toward a house bearing a sign "Da Oo Dan (特務隊)".

The chauffeur stated that at no time during the travelling did he overhear anything which was said by his passengers.

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D.S. Hagemann.
C.D.S. 28.

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B'Well
23rd. September, 39.

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Re one male Chinese detained by the P.S.B. after being arrested by G.P.S. 3369 on Jessfield Road.

At 12noon 23/9/39, G.P.S. 3369 came to the Charge Room and reported that he had arrested one male Chinese on Jessfield Road near Connaught Road but later the arrested Chinese was taken to the P.S.B. sub-station on Singapore Road by 3 policemen attached to the P.S.B.

From enquiries made by G.D.S. 273 and the undersigned the following were ascertained:-

At about 9a.m. 23/9/39, one P. S.B. watchman named Chow Wan Yien (趙華延) employed for Ching Hung Li (忻康里) off Jessfield Road witnessed in the alleyway one male Chinese named Lee Yung Shih (李永世) aged 15, Wusih, cheating complainant of 3 pounds of woolen thread value $30.00.

Complainant named Hsu Sien Mei (高小姐) of No. 86 Kung Kau Li (公高里), off Connaught Road informed the watchman of this case, and upon being approached by the watchman, the [illegible] ran away as he was followed and was [illegible] there he was arrested by [illegible] and taken to the P.S.B. [illegible]

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